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## **BE WARY OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY & INVESTMENT ADS**

PHOENIX – Citizens throughout the US and Canada are victims of several billion dollars in securities fraud each year. Many business opportunities, loans, land contracts and other investment opportunities require registration under the Arizona Securities Act. The Securities Division of the Arizona Corporation Commission is warning consumers to use extra caution when responding to business opportunity or investment ads in the classified section.

Before sending any money, people are encouraged to call the Securities Division to see if the investment vehicle or salesperson is properly registered. Arizona investors can call the Division at 602-542-4242 or toll-free outside the Phoenix metro area at 1-877-811-3878.

April is Arizona Savings & Investment Month. For more information, call Heather Murphy, Arizona Corporation Commission public information officer, at 602-542-0844 or Frank Marley, investor education coordinator for the Securities Division, at 602-542-0428. A calendar of Savings and Investment Month activities is available at the Securities Division website at [www.ccsd.cc.state.az.us](http://www.ccsd.cc.state.az.us).